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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, EAID, GW, ET, GE
SUBJECT: FRG-GDR COOPERATION IN ETHIOPIA

REF: BONN 04556 (NOTAL)

1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT A WEST GERMAN FIRM (KRUPP) HAS AGREED WITH THE GDR ON A JOINT PROJECT TO BUILD A COTTON MILL IN ETHIOPIA. ACCORDING TO OUR WORKING-LEVEL CONTACTS, NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE AGREEMENT WERE CARRIED OUT IN LEIPZIG AND THE DEAL IS PURELY COMMERCIAL, WITH NO OFFICIAL FRG INVOLVEMENT.

2. COMMENT: OUR CONTACTS, FROM THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICA LEVEL DOWN ARE NOT SURE WHAT TO MAKE OF THE NEWS. THE GDR HAS, HERETOFORE, BEEN SEEN AS THE PRIME INSTIGATOR BEHIND BONN'S DIFFICULTIES IN ADDIS (CLOSING OF THE GERMAN SCHOOL AND EXPULSION OF GERMAN AMBASSADOR, DEFENSE ATTACHE, AND POLICE
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ADVISERS.) EVIDENCE AS TO WHETHER THIS DEAL SIGNALS A DEPARTURE FROM THIS GDR TACTIC OR MERELY A COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENT WILL BE CLOSELY WEIGHED IN BONN.

IT IS INTERESTING TO
NOTE THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEAL CAME ONLY A

FEW DAYS AFTER CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S COMMENTS IN HIS
STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS (REFTEL) ON THE DESIRABILITY
OF SUCH COOPERATION.
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